What You Need to Know

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission awarded Josephine County a Justice Reinvestment Grant in the amount of $420,191 for the 2013-15 biennium. In the fall of 2013, the county Board of Commissioners approved a proposal to direct these funds toward the following programs and services:

- Secure residential treatment beds at the county jail for high-risk individuals with substance abuse problems
- Reentry and transition services, including housing and employment assistance
- Part-time deputy district attorney to participate in specialty courts
- Pilot reentry court
- Research and data analysis to ensure program success

Local Public Safety Coordinating Council

Each county has a Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) to advise the county commissioners on matters relating to public safety. LPSCC members include a diverse set of stakeholders and citizens representing various interests and perspectives. These individuals play an important role in determining how the county spends its justice reinvestment funds.

What You Can Do

Since future justice reinvestment funding depends on our success in keeping the state prison population in check by more effectively supervising people in the community and preventing crime, it is essential that counties invest in programs that work.

- Keep abreast of the issues your Local Public Safety Coordinating Council is discussing and the recommendations it makes.
- Talk to your county commissioners about public safety investments. Ultimately, they decide which programs receive support.